

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-10 are canceled.

11. (Currently Amended) An absorbable polyester with at least one monophosphate functionality per absorbable polyester chain according to claim 1, wherein said monophosphate functionality comprises a -O-P(O)(OH)₂ moiety covalently linked to said polyester chain via a single phosphate bond, and wherein the polyester chain comprises one or more monomers selected from the group consisting of L-lactic acid, D-lactic acid, DL-lactic acid, malic acid, citric acid, tartaric acid, ε-caproic acid, alkylene oxalate, cycloalkylene oxalate, alkylene succinate, β-hydroxybutyrate, glycolide, glycolic acid, L-lactide, D-lactide, DL-lactide, meso-lactide, trimethylene carbonate, p-dioxanone, 1,5-dioxepan-2-one and 1,4-dioxepan-2-one and any optically active isomers, racemates, or copolymers thereof.

12. (Original) An absorbable polyester according to claim 11 further comprising one or more polyethylene glycol segments covalently linked to said polyester.

Claims 13-28 are canceled.